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SUBJ: CSCE: APRIL 5 WORKING GROUP MEETING ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN LAST WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION THIS ROUND DEVOTED TO BASKET TWO ISSUES (SPECIFICALLY TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION). SOVIET REP SCOLDED DELEGATES FOR LACK OF PROGRESS ON DRAFTING AND OPPOSED CSCE PARTICIPATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE UN FRAMEWORK. UK REP EXPOUNDED ON BASIC EAST-WEST DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS REGARDING INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. BULGARIAN REP SAID TRADE PORTION OF BELGIAN MANDATE WHICH CALLS FOR IMPROVED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND FACILITIES INTRUDES UPON QUESTIONS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AUSTRIA AND FRANCE CALLED FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY IN INTERPRETATION THIS POINT. END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET REP (ZORIN) CHIDED PARTICIPANTS FOR FAILURE TO MAKE CONCRETE PROGRESS ON DRAFTING IN " MOST IMPORTANT" AREAS OF BASKET TWO-- THE ALL- EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND PRINCIPLES OF TRADE COOPERATION. HE HOPED DELS WOULD RETURN FOR MPT-4 READY TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS. ZORIN ALSO INSISTED THAT WHILE CSCE
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COULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF WORK BEING DONE BY EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION FIELD, THESE MUST BE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN UNITED NATIONS " SYSTEM". (IMPLICATION WAS THAT EC COMMISSION REPRESENTATION AT CSCE, OR POSSIBLE PARIPHERAL ROLE OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OECD, ARE CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS).

3. UK REP, IN BLUNT STATEMENT, LAID DOWN TWO CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE FULFILLED IN DRAFTING MANDATE ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. FIRST, IF DIFFERENCES IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, THEY CUT TWO WAYS. UK REP SAID BASIC POSITION OF HIS AND OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS IS THAT INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION ESSENTIALLY A QUESTION FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY DECISION. GOVERNMENTS CANNOT ORDER PRIVATE FIRMS TO TAKE PART IN COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. SECOND, MANDATE LANGUAGE MUST NOT REPEAT NOT PRE- JUDGE CONFERENCE RESULTS. HE SAID HUNGARIAN DRAFT TEXT ON ALL- EUROPEAN PROJECTS PRE- JUDGES CONFERENCE OUTCOME BY LUMPING TOGETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN VARIETY OF DISTINCT FIELDS AND IMPLIES CRITERIA FOR COOPERATION IN LARGE PROJECTS SOMEHOW DIFFERENT FROM SMALLER ONES. MOREOVER, EMPHASIS ON LARGE PROJECTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE OF INTEREST CHIEFLY TO LARGER COUNTRIES MIGHT RESULT IN DISCRIMINATION. HUNGARIAN REP INFORMALLY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO AMEND DRAFT IN MPT-4 TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO WESTERN DELS.

4. BULGARIAN REP ASSERTED THIRD PARA OF BELGIAN MANDATE DEALING WITH PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND BUSINESS FACILITIES AMOUNTS TO ATTEMPTED INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES. AUSTRIAN AND FRENCH REPS POINTED OUT THAT OVERLY NARROW VIEW OF WHAT CONSTITUTES INTERNAL AFFAIRS COULD PUT DAMPER ON ALMOST ANY PRACTICAL STEPS TOWARD INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION. US SUPPORTED.

5. GDR MANDATE ON ENVIRONMENT AS AMENDED BY BELGIUM FINALLY APPROVED (TEXT SEPTTEL.
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